

Know India Programme

The Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs has announced their next series of Know India Programme. The following is the schedule proposed for the next three Know India Programmes (KIPs) to be organized by this Ministry:

	Tentative Period	Partner States	Last date for receipt of nomination
9 th KIP	August - September 08	Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh	30 th June 2008
10 th KIP	December 08 - January 09	Madhya Pradesh, Haryana	30 th September 2008
11 th KIP	March 2009	Punjab, Orissa	31 st December 2008

2. Duration of each of these programmes would be 3 weeks. Exact dates would be conveyed on receipt of confirmation from respective State Governments.

3. The participants are provided local hospitality e.g. boarding/lodging in State guest houses or budget hotels, per diem allowance of Rs. 100/- for out-of-pocket expenses, internal travel. They may be granted gratis visa by our Missions/Posts. After their participation in the Programme, one way economy class international airfare from their respective country to India is reimbursable to them by our Missions/Posts.

4. The content of the programme may include the following:

- (a) Visit and stay at a University/College/Institute.
- (b) Activities related to youth to be organized by NYKS.
- (c) Visit to Industry(ies).
- (d) Visit to a village
- (e) Exposure to Indian media and Film Industry.
- (f) Presentations on the country, the constitution, political process etc.

- (g) Interaction with NGOs and/or organizations dealing with women affairs.
- (h) Calls on high dignitaries, which may include President, Ministers of OIA, Youth Affairs and Sports, Women and Child Development.
- (i) Visit to places of historical importance/Monuments.
- (j) Cultural events.

5. Broad guidelines to be followed while making nominations for KIPs are as under:

- (i) The Programme is open to youth of Indian Origin (excluding NRIs) in the age group of 18-26 years as on the first day of the month in which the programme is expected to start. We expect a fair mix of males and females.
- (ii) The total number of participants in any of the Programme may not exceed 40.
- (iii) The candidates should either be studying in the undergraduate level or should have completed under-graduation or equivalent.
- (iv) They should be able to converse in English. [They should have studied English as a subject at the High School level or should have English as a medium of instruction for undergraduate course]
- (v) They should have distinguished themselves in a particular field and should have abiding interest in India.
- (vi) They should not have participated in any previous Know India Programme or Internship Programme for Diaspora Youth.

6. Selected applicants are required to abide by the regulations of the Know India Programme as conveyed to them by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs or an agency nominated by it for the conduct of the Programme. They are required to offer their full cooperation in its smooth conduct, and they are not expected to leave the Programme mid-way.

7. In case a participant is found guilty of any misconduct or indiscipline during the course of the Programme, he or she would not

be allowed any further participation in the Programme. Such participants would not be eligible for reimbursement of the one way international airfare from their country of residence to India. The one way international airfare from his/her country of residence to India would also not be reimbursable to a participant, if he/she leaves the Programme mid-way.

8. Complete application for the programme is to be submitted in the prescribed application form to the Indian Diplomatic Mission/Consular Post that covers the area of residence of the applicant along with photographs. Incomplete and unsigned applications, or forms not accompanied with photographs would be summarily rejected.

9. Details of the Programme would also be posted on this website <http://knowindiaprogram.com/>.

10. A copy of the application form is attached.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

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